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SUBJ: PRESS REPORTS ON UAE- USSR RELATIONS

1. REUTERS, AND POSSIBLY OTHZEINTERYGIONAL NEWS SERVICES, HAVE PICKED UP ITEM THAT UAE FONMIN SUWEIDI SAID AT JUNE 30 PRESS CONFERENCE IN KUWAIT THAT UAE HAD DECIDED ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL WITH USSR BUT THAT THIS IMPLIED NO CHANGE IN HIOLOOVERNMENT ' S POLICIES.

2. LOCAL KUWAITI PRESS QUOTED SUWEIDI SAME WAY BUT REPORTED HE ALSO CONTEDED ANY DELAY IN ESTABLISHING THESE RELATIONS WAS DUE TO " SHORTAGE OF STAFF."

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS WAS MERELY SUWEIDI' S WAY OF
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RECALLING UAE PRESIDENT ZAYID' S POSITION ON SUBJECT LAST YEAR
WHEN HE SAID HE HAD PROMISED RUSSIANS THAT THEY COULD OPEN
EMBASSY IN ABU DHABI AND HE COULD NOT GO BACK ON HIS WORD.
HOWEVER ZAYID HAD SUBSEQUENTLY DECLARED THE MATTER " FROZEN".
WE DO NOT VIEW SUWEIDI' S REMARKS IN KUWAIT AS ANY SLIPPAGE IN
THIS POSITION, BUT WE WILL OF COURSE REPORT ANYTHING WE MAY
DISCREETLY DISCOVER TO CONTRARY.
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